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SUBJECT: CANADIAN CHERRY SURTAX: U.S. COMPENSATION REQUEST

REF: OTTAWA 0211

1. OLIVER (FINANCE) HAS REPLIED ON BEHALF OF GOC TO U.S. REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH BINDING OF TARIFF ITEM 15206-1, GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, WITH COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR BINDING OF TARIFF ITEM 9915-1, RAISINS, FOR FOUR-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUAR 20, 1974. TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS OF OLIVER'S LETTER TO ECON COUNSELOR IS IN PARA 4 BELOW.

2. LETTER STATES GOC PREPARED TO SUBMIT JOINT REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF U.S. RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE XIX FROM "CURRENT DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 3, 1974 TO MARCH 3, 1974." OLIVER SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ECON COUNSELOR HE MISTAKEN ON CURRENT DEADLINE WHICH ACTUALLY EARLIER THAN FEBRUARY 3. HE AGREED TO ECON COUNSELOR'S SUGGESTION (MADE PURSUANT TO GEWICKE'S TELEPHONED ADVICE) THAT EXTENSION BE FOR 30 DAYS

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BEYOND CURRENT DEADLINE. OLIVER SAID HE WOULD

TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS TO CANADIAN MISSION THIS
AFTERNOON.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT ITEM 9915-1 IS ONE OF THOSE
ITEMS ON WHICH GOC HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO EXTEND
TEMPORARY REDUCTION, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT
FEBRUARY 20, 1973, UNTIL JUNE 30, 1974 (SEE OTTAWA'S
A-21, JANUARY 14, 1974). TEMPORARY MFN DUTY ON RAISINS
IS ZERO.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF OLIVER'S LETTER. "OFFICIALS OF
INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED YOUR
PROPOSAL THAT THE FREE ENTRY OF GRAPEFRUIT JUICE BE
BOUND FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN US. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE
CANNOT RECOMMEND THAT MINISTERS AGREE TO YOUR
SUGGESTION.

"WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE U.S.A. HAS
FAILED TO PROVE ANY DAMAGE TO ITS TRADE OR ADVERSE
EFFECT ON U.S. EXPORTS OF SWEET CHERRIES TO CANADA
AS A RESULT OF THE CANADIAN SURTAX. NONETHELESS, IN
ORDER TO RESOLVE THE MATTER I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED
TO SUGGEST THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BIND THE MFN
RATE OF DUTY IN EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 20, 1973 FOR
RAISINS (TARIFF ITEM 9915-1) FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR
MONTHS FROM FEBRUARY 20, 1974.

"YOUR AUTHORITIES MAY REQUIRE TIME TO CONSIDER
THIS SUGGESTION. IF SO, WE ARE PREPARED TO SUBMIT A
JOINT REQUEST TO THE GATT FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION
OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE XIX FROM THE CURRENT
DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 3, 1974 TO MARCH 3, 1974."
END OF TEXT
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